

Amendments to the Claims:

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1 (currently amended). An adhesive comprising acrylic microspheres and a binder component, said binder component comprising a first binder and a second binder, wherein the ratio of said first binder to said second binder is 1:10 to 20:1, said first and second binders having glass transition temperatures, Tgs, separated by at least about 20°C.

2 (original). The adhesive of claim 1 wherein said first binder and said second binder have Tgs separated by at least about 60°C.

3 (currently amended). The adhesive of claim 1 comprising from about 1% to about 60% on a dry wt basis of said binder component.

4 (currently amended). The adhesive of claim 3 comprising from about 5% to about 20% on a dry wt basis of said binder component.

5. Canceled.

6 (original). The adhesive of claim 1 wherein at least one of said binders is an emulsion polymer binder.

7 (currently amended). The adhesive of claim 6 wherein the emulsion polymer binder is a pressure sensitive adhesive binder.

8 (original). The adhesive of claim 1 which is a removable adhesive.

9 (original). The adhesive of claim 8 which is a repositionable adhesive.

10 (currently amended). A method of modifying the tack and or peel properties of [performance of] an adhesive composition comprising acrylic microspheres and a first binder, said method comprising adding to said adhesive composition a modifying binder wherein the glass transition temperature, T_g , of the first binder and the modifying binder are separated by at least about 20°C, wherein the modifying binder is added in an amount effective to modify [the adhesive performance] tack and/or peel properties.

11. Canceled

12 (original). The method of claim 10 wherein the first binder has a T_g at least about 20°C lower than the modifying binder.

13 (original). The method of claim 10 wherein the first binder has a T_g at least about 20°C higher than the modifying binder.

14 (currently amended). An [article of manufacture prepared using an] adhesive modified [in accordance with] by the method of claim 10.

15. (new). An article of manufacture prepared using the adhesive of claim 14.

16 (new). The article of claim 15 which is a disposable absorbent garment.

17 (new). The article of claim 15 which is a food contact label.

18 (new). The method of claim 12 wherein the first binder has a Tg of below about -20° C and the modifying binder has a Tg above about 40° C.

19 (new). A method of tailoring a microsphere adhesive for a desired predetermined intended use, said method comprising adjusting the ratio of a first binder to a second binder to give tack and peel properties required for an intended use, said first binder and said second binder having glass transition temperatures, T_g s, separated by at least about 20°C.

20 (new). The method of claim 17 wherein the first binder has a Tg of below about -20°C and the second binder has a Tg above about 40°C.